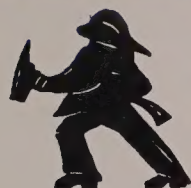




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911 memorial



**FIREFIGHTER**



*A  
tribute  
to fire fighters  
everywhere*

Belen Park



Dedicated to the over three hundred New York Firefighters who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center disaster. Firefighters are true legends and are worthy of the highest honor. May we always remember their great sacrifice.

R. Debord

## EVERYBODY NEEDS A FIREFIGHTER

On every street, in every square  
You'll see those big ol' fire engines there.  
And the soldiers waste no time, with fire in their veins,  
They hear the siren call and they're on the road again.

Even when it's late at night or early in the day,  
You'll find these warriors movin' on their way  
To another blazin' fire, with smoke on high,  
Outstretched ladders reaching into the sky.

There's honor, it's around. There's glory to be found.  
Do you hear that echo sound, callin' in the wind?  
From on the mountain tops, down to the city blocks,  
Those fires never stop, aren't you glad you've got a friend?

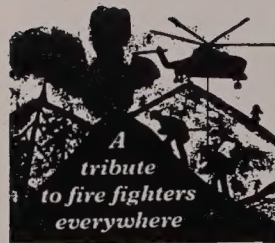
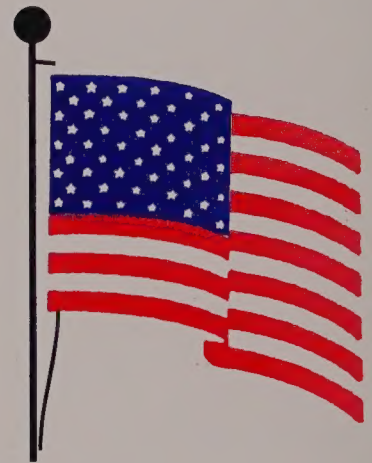
In a day when there's no feeling, a reflection of our times,  
You'll find that there are those who care, they let their  
spirit shine.  
They ride the big red trucks, they come out from the sky.  
On wings of angels, away they fly.

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911 Memorial  
Bellevue Park



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## Flight 93

How does one write a poem, mere words spread across a blank page, and hope to do justice toward the courageous actions of those brave souls aboard flight 93? We of the living will never fully know what they saw and felt while caught, in a soaring steel trap, on an early morning flight clipped short and forever framed by the claustrophobic bookends of historic tragedy. An accidental gathering of soul travelers reluctantly sharing interwoven roles acted out upon the wobbly stage of a living pyre. Such a precarious ride, emotionally stretched and frayed by the twisted logic of terrorisms eternal fright. Redemptions only hope, to plunge fully emerged within fears emaciated glow then to be set free to act by the unbridled clarity of acceptance. A true epiphany wrenched from the tragic realization that no ransom or appeasement could save them on this ruthless day. Herded to the back of a cold steel coffin a huddled mass of frightened, sad and confused souls say their last good-byes to loved ones on cell phones. What must it have been like to receive such a call to be sitting safe on the ground secure yet totally helpless, or to make a call home announcing your own imminent death while offering soft, whispered pledges of fidelity and eternal love?

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911 Memorial  
Baker Park



Gradually, a powerful heartfelt sensation arises from this living torture chamber passing from eye to eye and soul to soul in the rear galley of the plane. But to have been there as stark fear licks tender skin of enflamed conscience igniting a spark of courage and determination. Instinctively they knew mutual fate was firmly held within the grasp of their own strong hands. Women and men united as one gather the common utensils of everyday life and swiftly march up the aisle, 110 ft. to the cockpit door, 110 ft. toward history's portal where justice, in common, awaits. Each offering their life in a desperate, determined and successful attempt to thwart evil in its tracks and in so doing reserving an honored place at history's gloried table. Through mutual example revealing a path through life's pain and strife illuminated by the indomitable glow of loving souls. No ancient Greek heroes shall have their exploits seared deeper into the collective conscience of freedom loving people everywhere, throughout all time, as flight 93 soars forever high through sparkling heavens. A gloried beacon against the chill fright of terrorisms eternal night.

original poetry by  
Gary Stewart Chorre'



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Redemption's only hope, to plunge, fully emerged within fears emaciated <sup>glor</sup> then to be set free, to act, by the unbridled clarity of acceptance.

A true epiphany of honest acceptance wrenched from the tragic realization that no ransom or appeasement could save them on, this, the final death flight of a ruthless day when a chasm was ripped in the fabric of civilization and filled with the flaming scourge from the unfathomed bowels of a living hell. Herded to the back of a <sup>cold</sup> steel coffin, a huddled mass of frightened, sad and confused souls say their last good byes to loved ones on cell phones. What must it have been like to receive such a call? To be sitting safe on the ground, secure, yet totally helpless; or to make a call home, announcing your own imminent death, while offering soft whispered pledges of fidelity and eternal love. Then from the depths of this living torture chamber a strange heartfelt sensation arises, passing from eye to eye and soul to soul in the rear galley of the plane.



But to have been there as the full extent of awareness  
smashes hard against cold fact; stark fear licking  
at tender skin of enflamed conscience, then in the moment of truth,  
that moment known to all heroes, in all times, a spark ignites  
and the strength of courage and determination rips straight through  
this damp blanket of fear, and they instinctively knew mutual fate  
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~~and slowly~~ and swiftly march up the aisle. 110 ft. to the  
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take firm steps, on pace, toward the ultimate sacrifice;  
offering their lives in a desperate, determined and successful  
attempt to thwart evil in its tracks and in so doing  
reserving an honored place at history's gloried table.  
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as flight 93 flies forever high through sparkling heavens  
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**In Remembrance  
of September 11th**



**"WE WILL NOT FORGET"**

**City of Belen  
Dedication of 9-11-01  
Memorial Park  
In Memory Of Lives Lost  
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002  
7:00 pm**



**UNITED WE STAND**

"TERRORIST ATTACKS CAN SHAKE THE FOUNDATIONS  
OF OUR BIGGEST BUILDINGS, BUT THEY CANNOT  
TOUCH THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA"  
PRESIDENT BUSH





CHURCH BELLS 7:00 PM

INTRODUCTION: MAYOR OF BELEN (RONNIE TORRES)

FLAG RAISING - BOYS SCOUT TROOP-#110

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (MILDRED GONZALEZ)

NATIONAL ANTHEM (MATTHEW CALDERON)

*w/ Natl.  
anth.  
acapella.*

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (JEANETTE URTIAGA)

*Ceremon.*

RED REPRESENTS FIRE & RESCUE PERSONNEL WHO  
LOST THEIR LIVES (FIRE CHIEF WAYNE GALLEGOS)

WHITE REPRESENTS VICTIMS THAT LOST THEIR LIVES  
(KEN GIBSON)

BLUE REPRESENTS POLICE & PORT AUTHORITY WHO  
LOST THEIR LIVES

(POLICE CHIEF PAUL SKOTCHDOPOLE)

RED, WHITE & BLUE REPRESENTS VETERANS & ARM  
FORCES WHO HAVE FOUGHT & ARE FIGHTING FOR  
THE FREEDOM OF OUR COUNTRY (VFW)

LETTER FROM CAPTAIN RAYMOND R. SANCHEZ  
MARYLAND TASK FORCE 1 (GLORIA SANCHEZ)

WORLD TRADE CENTER "STEEL" PRESENTATION  
(MILDRED GONZALEZ)

UNVEILING "STEEL" (FIRE CHIEF WAYNE GALLEGOS &  
FIRE & RESCUE PERSONNEL)

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TO ALL WHO HELPED ORGANIZE THIS MEMORIAL



# **A DAY WE WILL NEVER FORGET**

ON THAT MORNING, TERRORISTS FLEW TWO COMMERCIAL AIRLINERS INTO THE TWIN

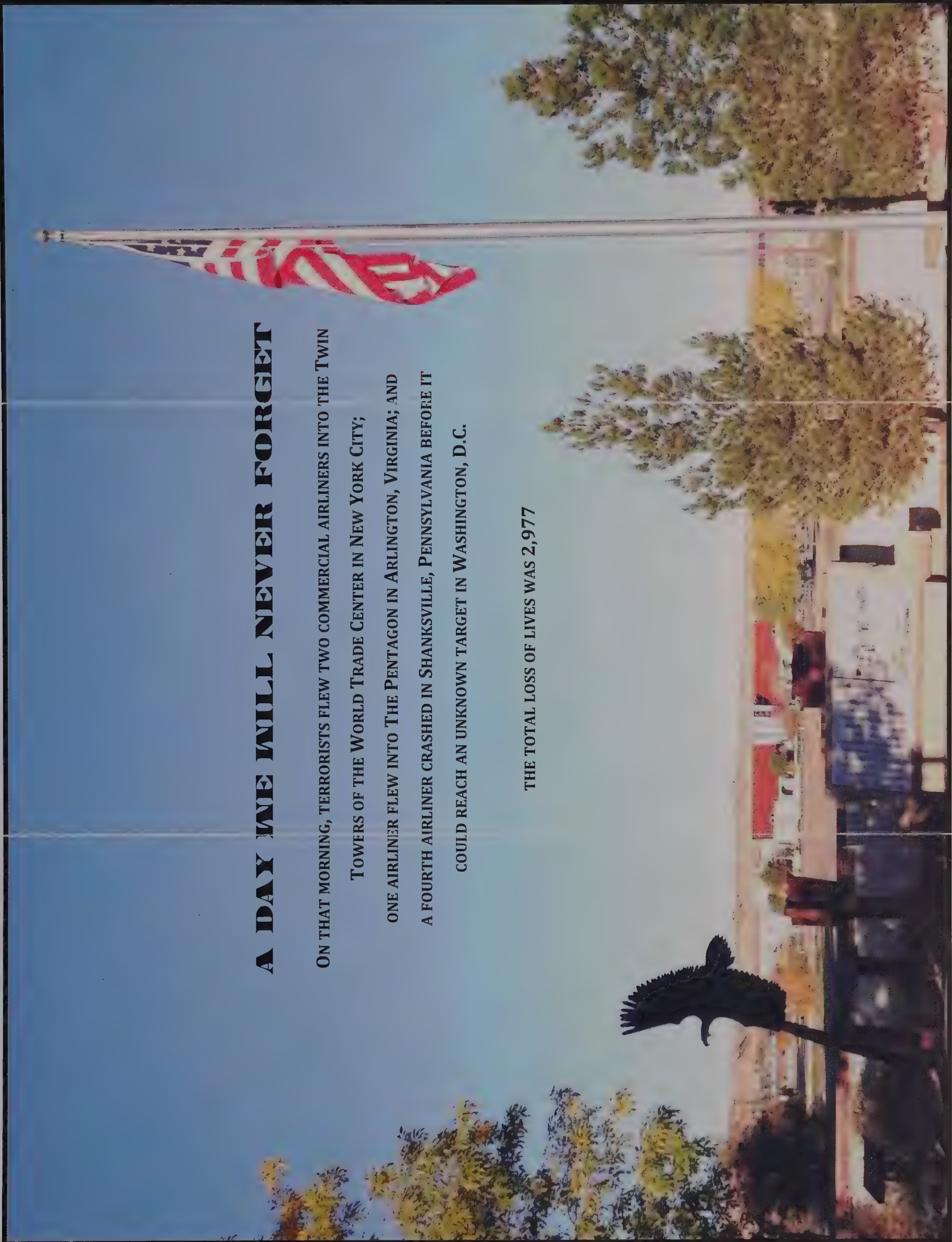
TOWERS OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY;

ONE AIRLINER FLEW INTO THE PENTAGON IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA; AND

A FOURTH AIRLINER CRASHED IN SHANKSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA BEFORE IT

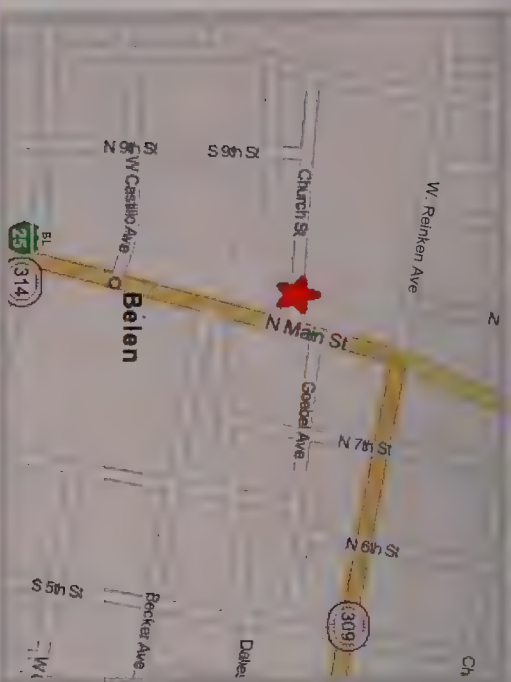
COULD REACH AN UNKNOWN TARGET IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE TOTAL LOSS OF LIVES WAS 2,977



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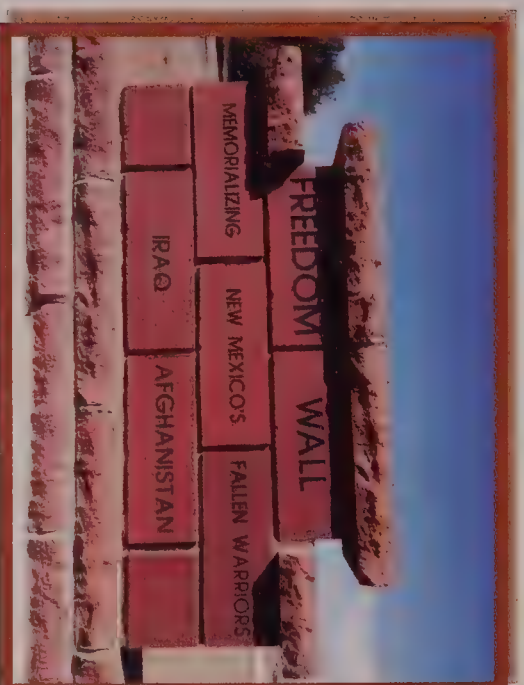
The park contains a “Freedom Wall” with the names of fallen soldiers from New Mexico or ties to our state as a reminder that our freedom is not free; an 8-foot marble replica of the twin towers; a steel beam from the World Trade Center; an 8-foot wingspan steel sculpture of an Eagle; a first responders shovel used at the Pentagon; and a 10,000 pound piece of limestone recovered from the rubble of the Pentagon with a plaque dedicated to the many lives that were tragically taken from us on 9/11/01.



*The Belen community gathers on the anniversary of 9/11 to honor the firefighters and police officers that were killed during the initial response, and the fallen warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice post 9/11.*



*The cornerstone of the original 9/11 memorial*

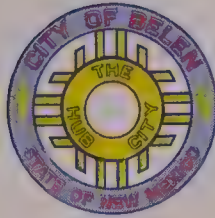


**SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
MEMORIAL PARK**





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SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

DEAR WEEPING TREE PLACE LANDSCAPING,

AS AMERICANS, WE MUST REMEMBER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2001. IT WAS A DAY THAT CHANGED OUR LIVES FOREVER AND ALSO NOT TO TAKE OUR FREEDOM FOR GRANTED.

THE MEMORIAL PARK IS A DEDICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THAT DAY. NOT ONLY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT DIED OR WERE WOUNDED BUT ALL AMERICANS THAT WERE AFFECTED ON THAT TRAGIC DAY.

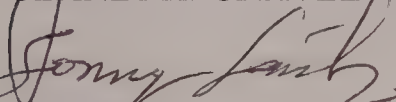
BECAUSE OF YOUR KIND GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT TO THE PARK, BELEN WILL HAVE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEDITATE AND REMEMBER THAT DAY AND HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US AND THE BELEN COMMUNITY.

SINCERELY FROM THE MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE MEMBERS,


  
MAYOR RONNIE TORRES

  
JEANETTE CHAVEZ URTIAGA

  
SONNY SANCHEZ

  
MILDRED GONZALEZ

  
GLORIA SANCHEZ

  
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## First Anniversary

### September 11th Memorial Service

7:00 PM

**Belen Memorial Park (Church and Main) - Belen**

**( Sponsored by City of Belen )**

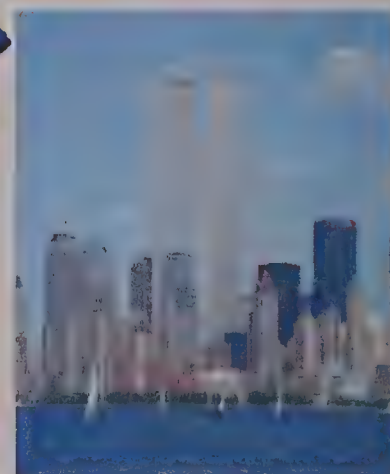
*" We Will Not Forget "*

<<<<<< Theme >>>>>>

This Memorial Service is opened to the public. If you wish to walk to the Service, a procession is planned for 6:00 PM and will start at the Belen Senior Center and end at 6:45 PM at the park. Church bells will begin ringing at 6:55 PM and the Memorial Service will begin at 7:00 PM.

A shovel used at the Pentagon and a piece of structure from the World Trade Center will be displayed at the park permanently.

*September 11th, 2001 - United We Stand*



*September 11th, 2002 United We Will Not Forget !*

*" Let's Roll " !*

*United Flight #93*

*( Downed in Pennsylvania )*

### Pentagon Renovation Program



Oh ! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand between their loved homes and the war's desolation ! Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land praise the power that hath maded and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just, and this be our motto: " In God is our trust. "and the star-sprangled banner forever shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave !

*( The Star Sprangled Banner September 20, 1814 by Francis Scott Key )*



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Bellevue Park

bells OCB - 7:55

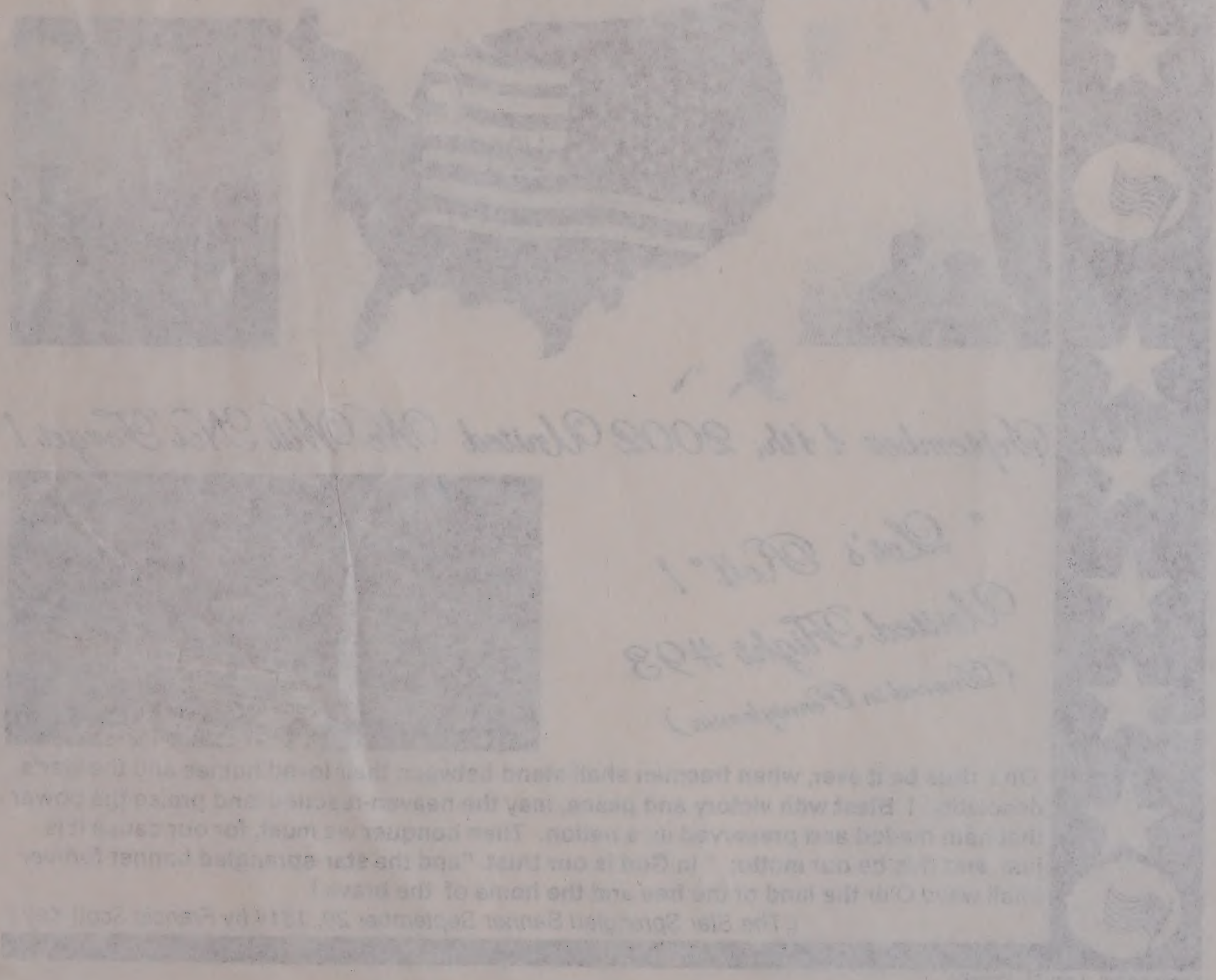
Dr. Cit. w/placard - front; W.P. Sant - 6:55

firetruck - 85' back.

Alan Jackson Song.

pull canvas off Tower Steel.

flag up - down - down to 1/2 mast.





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## Memorial: Pentagon shovel donated to park

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firefighter's uniform, boots and photos of "everyday heroes."

Families, dressed in patriotic outfits of red, white and blue, gathered close as Mayor Louis Huning, who spoke about moving on but never forgetting the tragic events of one year ago.

After moving performances by the Los Lunas High School band and choir, more than one hundred of those in attendance joined in singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA."

Churches and schools participated in the day of patriotic activities.

Belen's ceremony to dedicate its 9/11 Park began with senior citizens arriving, wearing signs with the names of the 3,031 victims of the Sept. 11 attack.

The solo voice of Matthew Calderon singing the National Anthem and the sorrowful notes of Victor Hale's bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" brought tears to those gathered at Belen's permanent memorial at the corner of Main and Church streets.

Belen's ceremony included the lighting of symbolic candles

by Fire Chief Wayne Gallegos, Ken Gibson and Police Chief Paul Skotchdopole. The candles were lit in memory of those who lost their lives during the attack on America — red for the fire and rescue personnel, white for the civilian victims and blue for the police and port authority personnel.

A fourth candle of red, white and blue was lit by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2397 Commander Hank Vignali. It honored the veterans and armed forces soldiers who have fought for America.

Once the candles were lit, the audience turned on miniature red, white and blue flashlights and held lit candles as the song, "Where Were You When the World Stop Turning?" was played.

The highlight was the unveiling of items of significance relating to Sept. 11.

Belen resident Gloria Sanchez explained the significance of a firefighter's shovel presented to the city by her son, Raymond, who used it as one of

the first to respond to the devastation at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Mildred Gonzalez, who grew up in New York City and had watched the Twin Towers being built, recalled the history of the buildings. She related to the crowd how the city obtained a 250-pound piece of steel from the debris of the towers.

When the drape was lifted from an eight-foot high Alabama white marble replica of the Twin Towers, a gasp arose from the crowd, followed by applause. The two towers were created by David Lardner of New Mexico Travertine in Belen.

In closing the program, Belen Mayor Ronnie Torres said: "Do something good for somebody. It should have been done yesterday, so do it today, but please don't put it off until tomorrow. Life is too short to wait."

After the program, members of the audience took turns viewing the shovel and steel and touching the marble in prayerful remembrance of those who lost their lives at the hands of terrorists.



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Jane Moorman and Jennifer Harmon-News-Bulletin photos

**Boy Scout** Troops 110 and 130, at left, served as the color guard for the Belen dedication of 9/11 Memorial Park. Presenting the colors were Andrew Tabet, left, with a flag presented by the Air Force to the City of Belen, followed by, from left, Brice Richard with Troop 110's flag, Elliott Schmitz with the American flag and Christopher Boyer presenting Troop 130's flag. Above, Delilah Sanchez and her son, David, 1, take time to reflect on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11 at the Los Lunas monument dedicated to the firefighters who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks. The memorial was held at the Los Lunas administration building.

Sept 14, 2002

# Belen and Los Lunas commemorate 9/11

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The bells of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church rang as the setting sun's rays broke through the clouds

upon the faces of more than 300 people gathering at the 9/11 Memorial Park Wednesday.

During the day, across the county, others gathered to remember last year's terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Earlier in the day, a soft mist fell on those attending the Village of Los

Lunas' program, in which village officials reflected on the tragedy.

Fire Chief Lito Chavez led the Los Lunas memorial with a special tribute — the firefighter's prayer, in honor of all the firefighters who lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center. A makeshift memorial was displayed on the stage, complete with a

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9/11 Memorial  
Belen Park



